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For: **INSULIN EXPRESSING HUMAN PANCREATIC ISLET CELL LINE CAPABLE
OF REVERSIBLY PROLIFERATING AND USE THEREOF**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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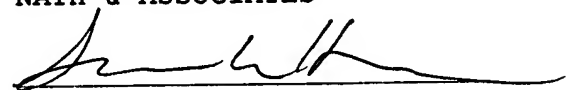
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